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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003 for three months from September 25, 2003 to December 25, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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